What is claimed is:

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1. A process for producing a landscape plan for a property,
 2 comprising:

defining a set of generic plant categories;

assigning a corresponding unique symbol to each generic plant category, defining a set of unique symbols;

receiving from a customer a survey of the property, a photograph of the property, and a list of desired landscape characteristics for the property; and

generating the landscape plan for the property, the landscape plan using the unique symbols to indicate locations on the property where plants should be located.

- 2. The process of claim 1, wherein the generic plant categories are defined according to a plant size.
- 1 3. The process of claim 2, wherein the generic plant categories are defined according to a leaf texture.

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- 4. The process of claim 1, wherein the set of generic plant categories are divided into a first subset of plant categories corresponding to deciduous plants, and a second subset of generic plant categories corresponding to evergreen plants.
- 5. The process of claim 4, wherein the unique symbols identify the deciduous plants and the evergreen plants.
 - 6. The process of claim 1, further comprising assigning a second set of unique symbols each corresponding to a type of hardscape material, wherein the landscape plan uses the second set of unique symbols to indicate hardscape materials to be used for hardscape elements indicated on the landscape plan.
 - 7. The process of claim 1, wherein the landscape plan includes a legend identifying each symbol.
- 1 8. The process of claim 1, further comprising providing a 2 list of specific plants belonging to each generic plant category.
- 9. A process for producing a landscape plan for a property,
 comprising:
- 3 defining a set of generic plant categories;

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- assigning a symbol to each generic plant category; and
 producing the landscape plan by indicating via said symbols
 locations for plants on said property.
- 1 10. The process of claim 9, wherein the generic plant categories are defined according to a plant size.
 - 11. The process of claim 10, wherein the generic plant categories are defined according to a leaf texture.
 - 12. The process of claim 9, wherein the set of generic plant categories are divided into a first subset of plant categories corresponding to deciduous plants, and a second subset of generic plant categories corresponding to evergreen plants.
 - 13. The process of claim 12, wherein the unique symbols identify the deciduous plants and the evergreen plants.
- 1 14. The process of claim 9, further comprising assigning a 2 second set of unique symbols each corresponding to a type of 3 hardscape material, wherein the landscape plan uses the second 4 set of unique symbols to indicate hardscape materials to be used 5 for hardscape elements indicated on the landscape plan.

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- 1 15. The process of claim 9, wherein the landscape plan includes a legend identifying each symbol.
- 1 16. The process of claim 9, further comprising providing a list of specific plants belonging to each generic plant category.
 - 17. A process for producing a landscape plan for a property, comprising:

defining a set of symbols, $\!\!\!\!/\!\!\!/$ each symbol corresponding to a generic landscape element, $\!\!\!/\!\!/$ and

producing the landscape plan by indicating via said symbols locations for the generic landscape elements on said property.

18. The process of claim 17, wherein the set of symbols includes a first subset of symbols corresponding to a set of generic plant categories, and a second subset of symbols corresponding to a type of hardscape material.